

**PART 3025—RULES FOR APPEALS
OF POSTAL SERVICE DETERMINA-
TIONS TO CLOSE OR CONSOLI-
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§ 3025.1 Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this part:

- (a) *Final determination* means the written determination and findings required by 39 U.S.C. 404(d)(3).
- (b) *Petitioner* means a person who files a Petition for Review.
- (c) *Petition for Review* means a written document that the Commission accepts as an appeal of a post office closing or consolidation.

§ 3025.2 Applicability.

- (a) The rules in this part apply when:
 - (1) The Postal Service decides to close or consolidate a post office, and
 - (2) A patron of that post office appeals the closing or consolidation.
- (b) The following sections in part 3001, subpart A of this chapter, apply to appeals of post office closings or consolidations: §§3001.1 through 3001.9 of this chapter; §3001.11(a) of this chapter, §3001.11(c) through (f) of this chapter; §§3001.12 through 3001.17 of this chapter; and §§3001.21 and 3001.22 of this chapter.
- (c) Answers to motions filed by the Postal Service are due within 10 days.

§ 3025.3 Notice by the Postal Service.

(a) Pursuant to section 404(d) of title 39, United States Code, any decision to close or consolidate a post office must be preceded by 60 days' notice to persons served by such post office, the opportunity for such persons to present their views, and a written determination based upon consideration of each of the factors listed in section 404(d)(2) of title 39, United States Code.

(b) This notice must include a provision stating that, pursuant to section 404(d)(5) of title 39, United States Code, a final Postal Service determination to close or consolidate a post office may be appealed by any person served by such office to the Postal Regulatory Commission at 901 New York Avenue NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268–0001, within 30 days after such determination is made available to such person by the Postal Service.

§ 3025.10 Starting an appeal.

(a) A Postal Service decision to close or consolidate a post office may be appealed only by a person served by that office. An appeal is commenced by submitting a Petition for Review to the Postal Regulatory Commission.

(b) The Petition for Review must state that the person(s) submitting it is/are served by the post office that the Postal Service has decided to close or consolidate. The petition should include the name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) filing it and the name or location of the post office to be closed or consolidated. A petitioner may include other information deemed pertinent.

§ 3025.11 Submitting an appeal and other documents.

Petitions for Review, comments, motions, answers, and other documents may be submitted by persons other than the Postal Service by mail, electronically through the Commission's Web site, <http://www.prc.gov>, or by delivery to the Commission's offices at 901 New York Avenue NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20268–0001.

§ 3025.12 Duplicate appeals.

If the Commission receives more than one Petition for Review of the